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SUBJECT: PROTOCOL CHIEF CONFIRMS LAO GOVERNMENT WILL SOON
MAKE FORMAL REQUEST FOR "HILLTOP" HOUSES

REF: A. VIENTIANE 0591 (081031Z MAR 76 NOTAL),

B. VIENTIANE 0278 (031030Z FEB 76 NOTAL)

1. PROTOCOL CHIEF KHAMTAN RATTANAVONG CONFIRMED TO ME AT
PHILIPPINE EMBASSY RECEPTION EVENING MARCH 8 THAT LAO ARMED
FORCES WERE DETERMINED TO CREATE MILITARY ENCLAVE AROUND
PHONE KHENG CAMP (MINISTRY OF DEFENSE)
AND WERE LEVYING DEMANDS ON OTHER EMBASSIES (INCLUDING
FILIPINOS) AS WELL AS U.S. EMBASSY. I REITERATED LINE OF
REF A THAT WE COULD NOT HANDLE SUCH AN IMPORTANT MATTER
ON THE BASIS OF HINTS AND SUGGESTIONS. IF THE LPDR WANTED
OUR HOUSES IT WOULD HAVE TO TELL US SO. WE WOULD THEN
CONSULT THE DEPARTMENT AND MAKE AN APPROPRIATE REPLY.

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2. KHAMTAN MADE IT CLEAR THAT WE WOULD BE GETTING A

FORMAL REQUEST PRETTY SOON. HE SAID LPDR HAD SIMILAR PROBLEMS WITH OTHER EMBASSIES AFFECTED BY THE DEFENSE MINISTRY'S OVERALL PLAN AND HAD WANTED TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO MAKE ANY ARBITRARY DEMANDS OF FOREIGN EMBASSIES WITHOUT FIRST BROACHING THE MATTER TO THEM IN A FRIENDLY FASHION.

3. WHEN WE RECEIVE THE FORMAL REQUEST WE SHALL FORWARD IT TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH OUR SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO HANDLE IT.
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